



Headteacher Weekly Update Email

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a fantastic break with your families. It is always a hard start to the term, having all had such busy times over the festive period. However, it is now 2017 and our children came back to school brilliantly well. I asked them in assembly this week to set their targets for the year ahead. They have all completed this task and we have created a whole school target book, located in our memories library. We will continually check back to this to ensure we are all on track to achieving our individual goals.

Celebrating becoming a Model School for Read Write Inc. Phonics

We are delighted to start the year with some excellent news for our academy – Jerry Clay Academy have been awarded ‘Model School Status’. As you will all remember, Miss Ashton was appointed as a Model Teacher and delivers lessons that are filmed and used for training to other schools across the UK. Due to our high results in Reading and Writing in Year 1, 2 and 6, we have now been given this accolade. This now means that we will be amongst approximately 15 other schools in the UK and internationally for delivering high quality early reading and writing sessions. Other schools will be invited to visit us and we will help sharing the passion to other leaders too.

Curriculum overviews

Please go to our website www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk and choose ‘curriculum’ and your child’s year group to view your child’s learning over the next half term.

Reminder of dates for this term

Please find a reminder of this term’s diary dates attached to the email. We have a number of workshops which we feel will be of great interest to you.

Headteacher briefing and Governors Coffee Morning

This will be held at JCA on **Tuesday 17th January at 9.15am**. This is an opportunity for me to go over recent developments at the academy. I particularly would like to consult with you on a new reporting system and will be very interested in your feedback on this. Governors will also be in attendance and it will be an opportunity to meet and have a chat with them.

Attendance

As you all know, we were delighted with the attendance figures at the end of last term. Please can I remind you of our quest for excellent attendance. Please be aware that we cannot authorise holidays during term time and this does reduce the total percentage that your child attends throughout the year. We monitor the attendance rate of every child. If your child’s attendance falls below 90%, then I will be personally writing to you. If this then continues, we will invite you in for a meeting to agree on actions for improving attendance. The more our children attend, the more they learn. Time lost due to holidays during term time has a huge impact with regards to keeping on top of the new challenging curriculum.

Cake sale for the Rainbow Trust charity- We raised £235

Anna Skirrow, our Junior Leader Charity Manager would like to thank you all for your contribution to our designated charity. We are sending the cheque with a letter from Anna to the charity to help very poorly children have a better quality of life through enrichment. During this term the Junior Leadership team are working with our children to think of a fundraising idea for raising money for UNICEF – our chosen international charity for this year.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you all once again into our Academy next week.

Kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne